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SUBJ: LOS: LATIN AMERICA

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1. APPRECIATE REFTTEL AND SHARE YOUR CONCERN REGARDING
RESPONSIVE APPROACH TO LATINS AND TIMING OF APPROACH
AS WELL AS ITS HIGH PRIORITY.

2. MY ASSESSMENT IS THAT BEST APPROACH TO LATINS
WHICH WILL BEST SERVE U.S. LOS OBJECTIVES IS IN FIRST
WEEKS OF CARACAS CONFERENCE. MY REASONS ARE AS
FOLLOWS:

A. FIRST, LOS INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONFERENCE NOT YET
FINALLY DETERMINED AND DISPOSITION OF SOME ISSUES RAISED
MAY HAVE CRITICAL BEARING ON POSSIBILITIES FOR
FURTHER PROGRESS WITH LATINS AND OTHERS.

B. SECOND, LATINS PARTICIPATED IN RECENT INFORMAL
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EVENSEN INTER-REGIONAL GROUP DISCUSSIONS ON ECONOMIC

ZONE AND GROUP PLANS MEET AGAIN EARLY AT CARACAS. THIS INFORMAL HIGH-LEVEL GROUP GENERALLY CONSIDERED BEST CONFERENCE VEHICLE FOR NEGOTIATING COASTAL STATE ECONOMIC JURISDICTION. D/LOS HAS MY MEMORANDUM ON FIRST MEETING OF GROUP.

C. THIRD, SPECIAL LOS TRIP TO ECUADOR AND PERU UNDESIRABLE AS SUGGESTING TOO MUCH EAGERNESS ON EVE OF CONFERENCE WHILE REPETITION OF VISITS TO CAPITALS VISITED BY LOS TEAMS WOULD SEEM EXCESSIVE.

D. FOURTH, USSR APPROACH WAS HIGH-LEVEL, SIMPLIFIED AND DID NOT GO INTO NEGOTIATING DETAILS ESSENTIAL IN OUR NEXT APPROACH TO LATINS WHO WELL AWARE OF OUR GENERAL POSITIONS.

E. FIFTH, DESIRABLE COMPLETE PRESENT CONSULTATIONS WITH USSR, U.K., FRANCE AND JAPAN ON COASTAL STATE JURISDICTION BEFORE APPROACHING LATINS AS HAVE ACHIEVED SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IN COORDINATING POSITIONS OF USA AND USSR AND HOPE TO MOVE OTHERS FURTHER BY CARACAS.

F. SIXTH, WILL BE AMPLE OPPORTUNITY EARLY WEEKS CARACAS WHEN CONFERENCE LISTENING TO GENERAL DEBATE AND DISCUSSING PROCEDURE FOR EXTENSIVE ROUND OF BILATERALS INCLUDING WITH MANY LATIN FOREIGN MINISTERS.

G. SEVENTH, IN VIEW CRITICAL IMPORTANCE RESOLUTION TUNA ISSUE, PLANNING EARLY CONCENTRATION ON PERU, ECUADOR AND MEXICO.

H. EIGHTH, I PLAN PERSONALLY CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS ON COASTAL STATE ECONOMIC JURISDICTION WITH LATINS AND DESIRABLE CENTRALIZE THESE NEGOTIATIONS AND ARRANGE GROUP CONSULTATIONS AS WELL AS BILATERALS, ALL OF WHICH BEST ACCOMPLISHED AT CARACAS.

I. NINTH, WOULD MOST WELCOME ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE OF ARA ON INTENSIVE WORK AT CARACAS IN EARLY WEEKS AND

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WOULD APPRECIATE ASSIGNMENT TO DELEGATION OF OFFICER EXPERIENCED IN LATIN AMERICA AS WELL AS LOS. HIGH PRIORITY IN ADVANCING LOS INTERESTS AND U.S. -L.A. RELATIONS WE BOTH ASSIGN TO CONFERENCE APPROACH TO LATINS WOULD JUSTIFY ASSIGNMENT OF ROZANNE RIDGEWAY WHO IS VERY WELL KNOWN AND RESPECTED BY BOTH GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY MEMBERS OF DELEGATION AND IS EXPERIENCED IN LOS FIELD.
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